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MARRIAGE.

On the 23rd at January St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, by the Rev. E. Griffith Evans, EDWARD G. H. F. HARTNELL, son of the late Colonel E. G. Hartnell, late of Elford, Hawkhurst, Kent, to M. A. FREDERICKA WERRY, daughter of the late Mr. William Werry, late of Lansallos, Cornwall.

DEATH.

At 14, Fourth Avenue, Hove, on 6th February, Sir EDWARD ACKROYD, late Puisne Judge of Hongkong. (By wire.)

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1904.

THE APPEAL TO ARMS.

The telegrams from our Correspondents in London and Yokohama, published elsewhere in these columns, leave no doubt that, in a few hours perhaps, news will reach us to the effect that the first blow has been struck in a struggle, the end and results of which are difficult to foresee. By the patience and courtesy she has given proof of in her lengthy negotiations with Russia, Japan has offered an example of moderation and tact to the whole of the civilised world. It is almost unnecessary to mention that no blame can be attached to the Government of that Nation because an appeal to arms has now become necessary. The world has been well informed of the untiring efforts of the Island Empire to obtain a satisfactory settlement of the Korean and Manchurian questions from the Muscovite Government, and how each of her attempts was successively met by the same procrastinating policy, embodied in replies devoid of good faith and definite promises. Russia is alone to blame, and is solely responsible for the result of the conflict which has now become unavoidable. Apart from the awe which besets us prior to an inevitable struggle between two great nations, the present pause before an actual overt act of hostilities has been announced is fraught with deep foreboding to all the citizens of our Empire, who ask themselves whether or not we shall be dragged into the vortex of the struggle. That right is on the side of Japan there can be no question, and that she will soon be struggling for her very existence as a nation is also sure. Our treaty with that brave nation leaves no room for ambiguity; for, in Article I, it states:—"The High Contracting Parties have mutually recognized the independence of China and Korea." Japan has thrown down the glove to Russia and is about to fight to ensure the independence of China and Korea, which means that she will be struggling to maintain a cause that is also Britain's. Article 2 runs:—"If either Great Britain or Japan, in the defence of their respective interests, should become involved in war with another Power, the other High Contracting Party will maintain a strict neutrality, and use its efforts to prevent other Powers from joining in hostilities against its ally." It is not necessary to enlarge on the importance of the last paragraph in this Article, since it is couched with remarkable clearness for a diplomatic document and clearly indicates that Britain must be armed and prepared to prevent any other nation from joining Russia in the struggle which has begun. Our responsibility in this matter is also pregnant; for, who can tell what surprises the legendary cunning of Russian statesmanship may yet reserve for us. Therefore, in duty to our ally, to our honour, and in our own cause—for our interests in Eastern politics are identical with those of Japan—it behoves us to look the situation squarely in the face and to hold ourselves ready for all eventualities. That Russia will do her best to secure an ally, by offering a share in the spoil, there is little doubt, and, should she succeed, our role becomes definitely aggressive, for Article 3 of the treaty states:—"If in the above event (an outbreak of hostilities) any other Power or Powers should join in hostilities against that ally, the other High Contracting Power will come to its assistance and will conduct the war in common and make peace in mutual agreement with it." The extent of our responsibility in the present situation is well defined and its gravity must be recognised if we are to be ready for the worst. Should the worst arise it is to be hoped that we shall not be found wanting, and it lies with those who are at the head of our Government to have prepared for war and to have

done all in their power to ensure success, since not only the interests but also the honour of the nation may be involved. We have learnt something as a Nation since September 1899 with regard to being prepared. As our National Poet says:—

"Let us admit it fairly, as a business people should,
We have had no end of a lesson;—it will do no end of good."

Let us hope that it is so, and that the history of the year that has just begun will prove that we were ready.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

SEVERAL local items are held over until our issue to-morrow.

CAPTAIN Davies of the N. Y. K. European service has been appointed associate manager of the Grand Hotel, Yokohama.

THE Russian cruiser *Almas* which is to be Admiral Alexieff's official yacht, left Liban for the Far East on 31st December.

It is reported that an officer of the s.s. *Perla*, committed suicide by shooting himself on board the steamer while at the Kowloon docks last Saturday.

It would be interesting to know when some decision will be come to with regard to the fate of the two Sui-pao prisoners who are still in custody.—N. C. D. News.

HIS Honour J. H. Stewart Lockhart, C.M.G., Commissioner at Wei-hai-wei, accompanied by Mrs. Stewart Lockhart, arrived by the French mail steamer, to-day, from the North.

In the League match, Parsee C. C. v. Craigen-gower C. C. on Saturday last, the latter Club won by 39 runs. The scores were:—Parsee C. C. 41 runs; Craigen-gower C. C. 81 runs.

THE M. M. str. *Ernest Simons*, which arrived yesterday from Shanghai, made the run from Kobe to Woosung, nearly 900 miles, in 50 hours, or at the rate of nearly 18 knots, a record voyage.

THE Industrial Bank of Japan made a net profit in the last half year of ¥91,658, and is able to declare a dividend at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, and dispense with State aid. Its outstanding loans at the end of last year were about ¥10,000,000.

In consequence of the indisposition of the Puisne Judge, Mr. A. G. Wise, the part heard in the suit in connection with the watchmen of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.'s Hun-hom premises, was not continued this morning. A date will be fixed for the further hearing of the action on Friday next.

THE following is the return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending 7th February, 1904:—

	Library	Museum
Non-Chinese	105	75
Chinese	78	2,559
Total	243	2,635

It is reported from Canton that the high provincial authorities of that city having received information that another attempt will be made on Chinese New Year's Day (16th instant) on the lives of all officials by the Triads, have ordered the troops and military police of Canton city to be prepared for eventualities at any time. It is also reported that some 15,000 troops will stand to arms on the 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th instant, as it is suspected that these are the dates when the Triads intend to make a disturbance in Canton.

LORD Charles Beresford is justifying his command of the Channel Fleet at least in one respect. He is devoting great attention to gunnery, and is giving the vessels under his command every opportunity of practice. He has, moreover, issued a series of instructions in respect of gunnery which must be of the greatest importance to the vessels under his command. The best result has been obtained on board Lord Charles' own flagship, the *Majestic*, which on the occasion of a series of tests with the 12-inch gun made 23 hits in 37. This is a world's record at the particular distance and with a weapon of this weight. The shooting of all the vessels in the fleet was excellent.—Ex.

TOUR TOPIC.

Glorious weather again favoured the visitor to the Course this morning, whose enthusiasm in the performances of the ponies grows greater with the nearer approach of the Races each day.

The "Times" recorded this morning are given below as follows:—

Protection and Sylph Rose—1 mile—34, 1.08, 1.41, 2.14
Northern Rose—1 mile—last 3, 34, 1.08, 1.42
Chuntaqua—1 mile—35, 1.09, 1.42, 2.17
Pink Rose and Spero—1 mile—last 4, 37, 1.10, 1.33
Tutilla and Once More—1 mile—last 3, 35, 1.10, 1.42
Fair Trade and Turbine—1 mile—36, 1.10, 1.45, 2.17, Fair Trade beating Turbine at the finish.
Thibet and Glenmarkie—1 mile—35, 1.08, 1.44
Eclipse and Liberty Rose—1 mile—last half, 33, 1.08
Tai Yat was galloped on Sunday over a 17-mile course and did it in the good time of 17, 1.11, 1.45, 2.19, 3.51.

EARLY BIRL.

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ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

H.K. CLUB V. SHERWOOD FORESTERS.

On the Happy Valley ground, before a very good turn-out of spectators, these Clubs tried conclusions in a friendly fixture. The weather was fine, though windy, and the teams lined up as follows, with the exception of Ancott who turned up late:—

H.K. F. C.:—Kew, goal; Worcester and Ancott, backs; Gray, Kew and Austen, halves; Williams, Cooper, Bonnar, Robertson and Brent, forwards.

S. F.:—Bromp on, Kew; Walker and Beck, backs; Wilkins, Watson and Jones, halves; Rayner, Godber, Bishop, Burden and Beresford, forwards.

Referee:—Mr. Broadbent.

The soldiers kicked-off and, playing a "long kick and rush" game, were soon attacking, and the Club backs, not playing in good form, the soldiers' forwards soon became very dangerous, Kew being called upon to clear twice in rapid succession. Up and down the field play was now the order of the day, both goalkeepers being tried and not found wanting. The Club right wing of their forward line showed up very prominently, and Cooper and Williams, by pretty combination, got right down the field and finished up by banging into the centre, but Bonnar hit the bar with his shot and the ball rebounding, he could not get to it before it went out. Play now drifted up to the Club goal and, presently, the scoring was opened by a fast one out of reach of Kew. Play was now practically all in the Club ground and shortly afterwards Kew, in gathering the leather, fumbled with it on the ground. The ball appeared to be over the line, but a Forester forward dashed up and put it beyond question. Heartened by this success the soldiers were soon hard at work around their opponents' sticks, and being allowed a penalty they tried their right outside man, apparently the Forester's "shooters," easily beat Kew and added the third goal for his side, just on the call of half time, which found the game:—

Sherwood Foresters..... 3 goals.

H.K. Club..... nil.

Taking into consideration that during the latter half of the first period of the game the soldiers had been all over their opponents, who had been playing very like a beaten team, the general expectation seemed to be that the Club were going to have a big score put up against them, but the opening passages of the second half showed that there were still two teams in it. After play had ceased up and down the field, the Club had very hard lines in not getting a goal as after attacking strongly they had an open goal in front of them with no goalkeeper in it, but at the critical moment a back dashed up and kicked off effecting a fine save. After several determined efforts on the part of the Club, the Foresters again took up the unning and getting well down the field their outside man sent in to the centre and a forward shot in. Kew fumbled the leather in gathering, and it rolled between the posts. This goal appeared to be an offside one, but was allowed, making the Foresters fourth. The soldiers now had play in their own hands and Kew was very quickly called upon to save, this time being equal to the occasion. Nothing further of note took place. The Foresters having the play in their favour until the whistle blew for time, leaving the game:—

Sherwood Foresters..... 4 goals.

Hongkong Club..... nil.

It was a game full of incident, but at no time was playing brilliant. The home club were minus several players and the forward line was disorganised and sadly lacked a good forward on the centre. Cooper and Williams were, as usual, the best wing, and combining splendidly, they treated the spectators to several very fine passing runs which deserved a better fate than a goalless finish. Bonnar played a good individual game in his new position, but centre forward is not his place by any means. The other wing was very weak indeed. At half the Club were fairly well served Kew playing well, but at full back they are weak Worcester being very uncertain and Ancott, though better, not a first-class back. The goalkeeper did not treat us to such a good exhibition as is his usual. The Foresters are a team of workers, but it is doubtful whether their "long kick and rush style" of their forwards will be successful against a good defence. Though they adopt this play a great part of the time, they give some good exhibitions of the passing game and their attacks will take some stopping by the best of backs. On both wings they are well represented, their right outside man being very clever and, in this match, was too much for the opposing back, whilst the left outside seems to be a fine shot at goal. At half and full back they have reliable men, and as their goalkeeper showed up favourably they appeared to be a well balanced team and will have to be reckoned with in any estimate as to the winning team in the competition.

LINESMAN.

MADAME CANDOTTI'S CONCERT.

Madame Candotti, who was a pupil of Rubinstein at the Conservatory of Music in St. Petersburg, selected for her performance in Hongkong on Saturday evening, four items that were calculated to display the perfection which she had attained in the mastery of the piano and management and control of her brilliant voice. Of these, her principal work was the rendering of the *Requiem* by Liszt, the audience listening with intent ear to the thrilling passages, so tenderly and feelingly rendered, which satisfied the mind and heart with its subtle music. Madame Candotti was assisted at her concert by the Philharmonic Orchestra, and the members of the German Liedertafel, Miss Murray Bain, Mrs. A. G. Gordon, Mr. A. H. Ough, Mr. G. H. Edwards, Mr. G. Grimbé and Mr. A. G. Ward.

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THE STRANDING OF THE S.S. "AUSTRALIAN."

The full text is now to hand of the finding of the Osaka Marine Court, delivered on 25th ult., regarding the responsibility of Captain H. D. James, as pilot of the M. M. steamer *Australian*, for the stranding of the vessel recently in the Inland Sea. It will be remembered that the licence of Captain James was ordered by the Court to be suspended for two months.

The text of the finding reads as follows:—

The defendant, Henry David James, who holds a pilot's licence for the districts of Tokyo Bay, Nagasaki harbour, and the Inland Sea, acted as the pilot of the M. M. steamer *Australian*, 2,900 tons register of Marseilles, which left Kobe on the 26th September, 1903, for Mutsumi or Kure Island, Nagasaki province, by way of the Inland Sea. At 3.47 a.m. on the following day, the 27th, the steamer was abreast of and three-quarters of a nautical mile from the south-eastern end of Oshima, Iyo province, and proceeded on her course, bearing on Sazai Point of Umajima Island with the object of passing through the waterway (*chusuido*) of the channel of Oshima. At this time the weather was fine, with a soft southerly breeze, the tide was just beginning to ebb, and the steamer was proceeding at a speed of about fifteen knots. At about 3.55 the steamer was half a nautical mile from Sazai Point, when the helm was ported in order to bring the vessel into the waterway. The angle of the helm indicated four points and a half, but the head of the steamer, as a matter of fact, was observed to turn in an opposite direction. Thereupon the order "helm hard a-port" was given, and, danger becoming imminent, the engines were stopped and simultaneously reversed to "full speed astern." But this was of little avail, and at 3.57 the steamer, by its own forward motion and also by the pressure of the current, stranded west of the Sazai Point of Umajima Island. The bottom of the steamer on the port side was badly damaged, and water entered the vessel. Assistance with the object of floating the vessel proved successful, and the steamer was got off at 11.12 a.m. on the 8th October and proceeded to Nagasaki to dock. These facts are proved by the reports of the Governor of Ehime, the master of the *Australian*, investigations made by the Kobe Marine Office, the plan made by the Mitsu Bishi Dockyard Company, Nagasaki, showing the damage done to the bottom of the steamer, and the evidence of defendant before this Court.

In carefully considering the evidence, the Court finds that the stranding of the *Australian* was due to an error on the part of the pilot, Henry David James, in the discharge of his duty. Defendant did not alter the helm at the proper time, nor did he alter it to suit the speed of the current in navigating a narrow waterway. This action of the pilot comes under the provisions of No. 1 of Clause I. of Article 19 of the Pilot Law, and is to be punished in accordance with No. 2 of Article II. of the Seamen's Disciplinary Law, in observance of Article 21 of the Pilot Law. The case is, therefore, decided as follows:—

The pilot licence for Tokyo Bay, Nagasaki harbour, and the Inland Sea held by Henry David James, is suspended for two months.

The cost of the proceedings, amounting to ¥7.50 is to be borne by the pilot.

HONGKONG AND FISCAL PLEBISCITE.

As will be seen elsewhere, says the *Kobe Chronicle*, the fiscal plebiscite in Hongkong, the "free port" *par excellence*, has resulted in an overwhelming majority for Mr. Chamberlain's policy. We intend to consider shortly what this commits the Hongkongites to. Meanwhile it may be pointed out that the intense opposition aroused in Hongkong by the grant to China in the recent Commercial Treaty of power to increase her import tariff was evidently quite illogical, for if Protection is a good thing for England, why should it not be a good thing for China? While on this subject, it is worth referring to a curious self-revelation made by the *London Times*. Lord Rosebery in a recent speech pointed out the skill with which Mr. Chamberlain had captured the Press. "All of a sudden," he said, "there comes forward this magic musician, who plays a few notes on his pipe, and in a moment the whole mass of this highly respectable and, I thought, firm and convinced Free-trade Press begins to caper." Thereupon the *Times* remarks:—

Before ever the great controversy opened, we had constantly, in the course of the past few years, taken the opportunity of expressing our scepticism as to the all-sufficing beneficence of the free import system under which we live. So long, however, as it was complacently accepted by British statesmen, the question remained of necessity a more or less academic one. . . . The widespread support commanded by Mr. Chamberlain . . . is the support inevitably accorded to a great man who gives expression to the appropriate moment to feelings long shared by very many of his countrymen, and embodies them in a great policy which is sufficiently clear-cut and comprehensive to be intelligible to all.

The conclusion to be drawn from this, apparently, is that the *Times* has no mind of its own on these questions, but takes its cue from statesmen of influence. And yet the *Times* has been described as a "leading" London journal. The "leading" seems somewhat far to seek.

A BAND of 50 coolies, each armed with an iron bar and led by a man with a drawn sword, invaded the office of the *Nippon Shimbun* on the night of the 27th and destroyed everything they could find. The *Japanese Times* sagely remarks that "the general belief is that the attack was undertaken for the purpose of preventing the publication of the paper."

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E L E G R A M S .

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

THE WAR.

NEGOTIATIONS BROKEN OFF.

AMBASSADORS RECALLED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, 7th February, 3.5 p.m.

It is officially reported from St. Petersburg that the Japanese Government has refused to continue negotiations, and has recalled her Ambassador at the Russian capital, His Excellency Mr. S. Kurino.

Russia has instructed Her Minister, Baron R. Rosen, to leave Tokio.

ROSEN LEAVING JAPAN.

AUSTRIAN PROTECTION FOR RUSSIAN SUBJECTS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

YOKOHAMA, 7th February, 11.24 a.m.

Baron Rosen will leave Tokio on Friday next, and sail from Yokohama by the French mail steamer *Yarra*. All important official documents belonging to the Legation have been packed, and useless papers destroyed.

The protection of Russian subjects residing in Japan has been entrusted to the Austrian Minister.

HOSTILITIES IMMINENT.

RUSSIA'S REPLY UNACCEPTABLE.

The Russian Note contains no direct reply to Japan's demands and consists mainly of procrastinating promises.

A state of war practically exists and opening hostilities may be expected at any moment.

IMPORTANT WAR COUNCILS.

EXPECTED MOBILISATION.

YOKOHAMA, 6th February, 12.5 p.m.

Several important War Councils have been held and the time-expired men in the Navy and Army have been advised that the Government retains their services.

It is rumoured that orders for the immediate mobilisation of the reserves of the land and sea forces are about to be issued.

DEATH OF SIR E. J. ACKROYD.

The death has taken place at Hove, Brighton, of Sir Edward J. Ackroyd, an uncle of Dr. J. Bell, of the Government Civil Hospital, and late Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Hongkong. The deceased gentleman was a clerk in the Supreme Court at Mauritius in 1853 and, six years later, was clerk to the first Puisne Judge, a position he vacated in 1863, when he became chief clerk in the registry of the Supreme Court. A year after he was in the chief clerkmaster's office, and, in 1871, obtained from the council of legal education an exhibition in common law and a first-class certificate of honour. Called to the Bar at the Middle Temple, in 1872, the following year he rose to the position of district and stipendiary magistrate at Riviere in Rempart. In 1888 he was registrar of the Supreme Court at Hongkong, and the next year was appointed on a commission to revise the laws and ordinances of the Colony. From 1886 to 1888 and in 1890 he was acting Attorney General, in June 1891, he filled the office of acting Chief Justice, and in 1892 became Puisne Judge, a position which he held until his retirement in 1895.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILS DUE.

French (*Australien*) 9th inst.
Indian (*Catherine Appa*) 9th inst.
Tacoma (*Tacoma*) 11th inst.
American (*Coptic*) 12th inst.
English (*Ballaarat*) 15th inst.
Canadian (*Empress of Japan*) 15th inst.
Indian (*Namsang*) 16th inst.
German (*Roon*) 18th inst.
American (*Korea*) 1st prox.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Inaba Maru* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on 5th inst., p.m., and is expected to arrive here on 10th inst.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Ballaarat* left Singapore for this port on 7th inst., at 3 p.m., with the Outward English Mails, and is due here on 13th inst., at about 8 a.m.

The Imperial German Mail s.s. *Roon* carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin on 19th ult., left Colombo on Sunday, 7th inst., and may be expected here on 18th inst.

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TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

The Northern Crisis.

LONDON, 5th February.
 Reuter's correspondent at Port Arthur wires that the Russian fleet put to sea at dawn on Wednesday and returned to the anchorage outside the harbour at 4 p.m., yesterday.
 A conference of the Elder Statesmen of Japan was held yesterday at which the Emperor was present. It is understood that a decision of the utmost importance was reached.

LATER.

Russia and Japan.

Russia's reply was forwarded yesterday to Admiral Alexiev, which, if approved of by him, will be despatched to Tokyo where it will arrive on Monday at the latest. The belief prevails in St. Petersburg that Russia does not concede to Japan's demands regarding Manchuria. The Times correspondent in St. Petersburg says that the Tsar's hesitation has been overcome and that Russia makes no concession.

6th February.

The Daily Graphic says there is no essential change in the tenor of the Russian note since 29th December. Although conciliatory in tone, Russia firmly declines to accede to the wishes of Japan regarding the integrity of China. The note makes concessions on other points, but this is the vital issue and Japan's resolution to reject the terms is unaltered.

Mr. Chamberlain.

Mr. Chamberlain is going for a two months' trip, it is believed, to Egypt.

(M. C. D. News.)

More Pay for the Fighting Men.

Imperial ordinances are published in the Official Gazette to-day, revising the remuneration of the soldiers and sailors in military districts and at military bases.

News from Japan.

Tokyo, 2nd February.

The news is circulated unofficially that the Japanese Government is awaiting Russia's rejoinder eagerly and impatiently.

The conference of the Elder Statesmen and Cabinet Ministers was not held to-day. At a Cabinet meeting to-day it was decided that the enhancement of the different taxes should be enforced under parliamentary consent, that is, without resorting to an emergency Imperial ordinance.

Different reports reaching here agree in mentioning Russia's military activity. The newspapers expect that Russia's answer will be unfavourable, and maintain a pessimistic view of the result.

A Special Correspondent in Trouble.

Tokyo, 2nd February.

Mr. Jack London, correspondent for the Hearst newspapers, en route for Chemulpo, was arrested to-day at Shimomoseki for taking photographs within the strategic zone, and was escorted to the Kokura Court.

(Japanese Exchange.)

Naval Preparations at Port Arthur.

Tientsin, 26th January.

A foreigner from Port Arthur states that the number of Russian warships there now is thirty. There are also eighteen transports loaded with provisions and munitions of war. The military preparations are being pushed ahead both day and night.—Mainichi.

Russian Military Movements.

SIXTY THOUSAND MEN AT INKAO.

Tientsin, 27th January.

An Inkao despatch states that five or six hundred Russian soldiers daily arrive on the banks of the Liao-ho. They are taking up positions between Shiamientien and Inkao. The total number of soldiers in these districts is estimated at 60,000. It is believed that Russia intends to make Inkao the centre of operations.—Mainichi.

Chefoo, 26th January.

The 9th, 10th and 12th Regiments at Port Arthur and one Regiment at Dalny have completed preparation to set out for the banks at the Yalu. Some of the troops belonging to these Regiments are believed to have left for their destinations on or about the 20th. Two companies of the Artillery left Port Arthur some days ago. Their destination is believed to be the Yalu. Nearly 3,000 soldiers have arrived at Port Arthur by train and steamers. The China Eastern Railway Co. has reduced the rate of freight between Newchwang and Port Arthur and a large number of coolies in these districts have lost their means of living. It is feared that they will turn robbers. The Russian authorities discovered that gunpowder had been laid at several places near Port Arthur in order to destroy the railway, and ten were arrested. At Tachikan a band of coolies quarrelled with the Russian soldiers on the 23rd, and three soldiers were killed. One officer was also injured.—Asahi.

(Osaka Mainichi.)

England's Friendship with Japan.

VISCOUNT HAYASHI AND THE FREEMASONS.

London, 27th January.

Viscount Hayashi, Japanese Minister to England, was last night installed as Grand Master of the Empire Lodge of Freemasons amid scenes of the utmost cordiality.

Russia and the Dardanelles.

ATTEMPTS TO COERCE TURKEY.

London, 27th January.

Russia is constantly endeavouring to persuade the Sultan of Turkey to allow the entire Russian Squadron to pass the Dardanelles. Up to the present the request has been emphatically refused.

(Der Ostasiatische Lloyd.)

Berlin, 3rd February.

Havas Agency learns that the contents of the Russian rejoinder to Japan, which will be presented in Tokyo on Saturday, have been intimated to the Cabinets in London, Paris and Washington. It appears that Russia has made therein some important concessions that Japan cannot any longer take the responsibility of going to war. The German government has, so far, not received a similar communication. Perhaps it was not sent, owing to Germany having stated from the start that she does not wish to be drawn into the Russo-Japanese conflict, nor would she take part in any mediation of other Powers in Tokyo.

THE WAR.

PROPOSED WAR-TAX.

RUSSIA MOBILISING.

Having regard to the importance of the part that Great Britain may be called upon to take in relation to affairs in the North, it is of considerable interest to watch the movements of the British fleet in the vicinity of Hongkong. For some time past unusual activity has been noticeable in the Admiralty anchorage, and this morning two battleships—H.M.S. Vengeance and Albion—and yesterday H.M.S. Centurion left the harbour, ostensibly for Mirs Bay. Other warships are believed to be awaiting sailing orders.

Vice-Admiral Sir Gerard Noel left England on the 5th inst. for the China station.

We hear on excellent authority that the Japanese cruisers *Nisshin* and *Kasuga* are proceeding from Singapore direct to Sasebo, near Nagasaki, thence to Kure and Yokosuka.

A Chefoo correspondent of the *Singapore Free Press* is evidently determined that his paper shall be well up with the times, for he sent the following "scoop" to the Straits paper on 29th ult.:—The Russian steamer *Argon*, proceeding from Nagasaki to Dalny, was fired on with blank ammunition by seven Japanese battleships, who then steamed three times round her. Japan is adopting Russian tactics to force war.

It is difficult to understand what is being done by the Japanese Government, says the *Ko'e Chronicle* of 28th ult. The authorities are reticent and prevent the publication of news of operations actually in progress, so that the country appears to be bewildered at the present situation. Our correspondent at Tsuchima wired us yesterday that the prices of commodities on the island have risen rapidly, which may be taken to indicate that the island is now crowded with troops, and it seems probable that the Japanese squadron is also in Tsuchima ports. Whether the sixty transports chartered by the Government are also there we cannot say, but presumably they are not lying idle and are being used for some purpose or other, as the coast of Korea is only a few hours' sail away.

It is now confidently stated that at the Council on Tuesday, which we announced yesterday would be held, the Government proposed sanctioning the raising of a War-tax, which was afterwards approved by the Elder Statesmen. It is proposed to raise the fund by doubling the Land-tax, Income-tax, and Sugar Consumption-tax. This decision will be announced by an Urgent Ordinance immediately the approval of the Privy Council has been obtained. It is also decided to issue Exchequer Bonds, which will be announced in a few days. The bonds will call for ¥100,000,000, bearing interest at 5 per cent., redeemable in five years, the issuing price being ¥96 for ¥100 face value. In the event of any of the bonds being unsubscribed they will be taken up by the Bank of Japan.

RUSSIAN BATTLESHIP DAMAGED.

A telegram from Port Arthur to Tokyo states that one of the Russian battleships there has sustained serious damage to her machinery. The necessary repairs will take about fifty days.

It is stated that 100 British marines and 200 Indian troops now at Tientsin are ready to start for Korea at a moment's notice, presumably to strengthen the Legation guard at Seoul if necessary.

WAR MUNITIONS.

The P.M. steamer *Siberia*, which arrived here from San Francisco a few days ago, is reported to have carried in her cargo a shipment of 10,000 bags of nitrate of soda, amounting to 700 tons. The nitrate is presumably needed in the manufacture of powder, and was hurriedly shipped on the *Siberia* in obedience to rush orders, instead of being shipped in the usual manner on sailing vessels. The *Siberia* also carried heavy consignments of mess beef and other food supplies for Japan.

Mr. Ueyemura, the representative of the Japanese residents at Newchwang, has approached the Japanese Consul at Newchwang as to whether it would be advisable for them to quit Harbin. The Consul is, however, endeavouring to prevent any unnecessary alarm being felt by the Japanese residents.

RUSSIA MOBILISING.

The *Daily Mail* publishes a St. Petersburg telegram to the effect that Russia has ordered the First Reservists and troops of the Army divisions at Kharkoff, Odessa, and Kiev, 86,000 in all, to be ready for mobilization.

The depression of trade in Tientsin is severe. Seven or eight Chinese banks have already closed their doors. The rate of foreign exchange at the foreign banks is very irregular on account of the critical situation. Transactions are almost suspended.

An official return made on the 21st ult. shows that there are fifteen Russian warships and ten torpedo boats at Dalny, and seven warships at Port Arthur, five at Vladivostok and one each at Shanghai, Chemulpo and Chefoo.

The Russo-Chinese Bank has remitted the sum of two million five hundred thousand taels to Manchuria from Peking and Tientsin.

THE CHARTERING OF N. Y. K. VESSELS.

The Directors of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, states the *Japan Mail*, have considered it advisable to address a circular to all the Company's branches and agencies pointing out that the error must be avoided of imagining that the employment of the Company's steamers in the public service will be a source of profit as was the case in the China-Japan war. There is a vital difference of conditions. At the time of the China-Japan war the Company was in receipt of a fixed amount of subsidy irrespective of the service maintained by it, and the temporary interruption of those services did not cause any interruption of the subsidy. But the present system is that the sums allowed by the Treasury are for services actually performed, and since the services cannot be performed owing to withdrawal of the steamers for other purposes, the payments from the Treasury necessarily cease. In addition to the loss of this important source of income, there is the fact that the steamers are chartered at very low rates, much lower than those now ruling in the open market. Thus from every point of view the Company will suffer heavily and its employees are warned to be prepared for the fact.

COAL.

A recent arrival from Port Arthur was informed that the stock of coal there at present is 120,000 tons of Cardiff, and 80,000 of Japanese. There were forty men-of-war in and outside the harbour. The Viceroy has over 100,000 troops under his orders, and 80,000 more are on their way out from Russia via Siberia.

The Imperial Resident at Urga has wired to the Waiwupu that there are 3,000 Cossacks and 2,500 Mongolians. The Chinese troops are not allowed to leave their barracks except unarmed, and the hapless Resident wants to know what he is to do.

There were eight warships at Chemulpo, on the 28th ult. These are the French cruisers *Paul* and *Gueydon*, the Russian cruisers *Variag* and *Koriet*, the Italian cruiser *Elba*, *Talbot*, the American gunboat *Vicksburg*, and another cruiser.

It is stated that the Korean Government has decided to admit Americans and Europeans into the Imperial Court for the protection of the Imperial family in case war should break out. A "certain American gentleman," it is reported, has already conveyed a part of his furniture into the Imperial Household.

Little or nothing has been heard during the last month or so of the despatch of Russian reinforcements from military stations in home governments in Russia to the Far East. Nevertheless, considerable numbers of men have been despatched eastwards. The troops are transported in large covered vans with floor sleeping space for from forty to fifty men. The average military transport train consisted of about twenty such vans, half of which in many cases were loaded with commissariat, ammunition and other stores. Thus the average number of men carried on each of these mixed trains would appear to have numbered from 400 to 500. On several occasions, however, eastward-bound military trains passed through Irkutsk fully laden with men, with the exception of two or three rear vans laden with light transport and kits, and equipped with a military train kitchen. An additional order for 30,000 ammunition boxes has just been divided out among the "village industries" of several home governments in Russia, and the field kitchen factory in St. Petersburg is reported to have been recently turning out large numbers of officers and men's field-ranges.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

The *Echo de Chine* says that it is denied at St. Petersburg that preparations are being made for mobilisation. Meanwhile commercial traffic will be suspended on the trans-Siberian railway on Tuesday.—It is not believed that Russia is prepared to satisfy Japan on all points. An agreement will, however, be come to on the following essential points:—
 (1) A Japanese protectorate.
 (2) Recognition of the situation of Russia in Manchuria, with free ports in compensation for this.

The exchange of views actually going on is concerned with what are secondary matters, such as the guarantees to be given to Russia for the protection of the communications with the Far East and the form of Japan's control over certain Korean interests. It is believed that a *modus vivendi* will be reached.

The Formosa people have offered to subscribe several hundreds of thousands of yen to the impending war loan.

In reference to the Elder Statesmen, the *Japan Mail* says that Marquis Ito is the supreme source of counsel in foreign politics; Marquises Yamagata and Oyama in war matters; and Counts Inouye and Matsukata in finance.

The *Manila American* of 29th ult. is a startling journal, it being announced in bold headlines on the strength of New York cable that "Germany aids Russia." "Copenhagen will be seized by the Kaiser in order to keep the English fleets from the Baltic and away from Kronstadt." "Troops mobilizing with great rapidity in Holy Russia." Soldiers are being rushed towards the Far East at the rate of seven thousand a day. "Congestion of travel at Irkutsk caused by the heavy ice field in Lake Baikal. Rolling stock from all over Russia hurried northward. A large number of locomotives required to keep the lines free from snow so that troops may run." "Chinese clans are gathering. There is drilling and marching and joining the mobilized forces all over the celestial empire, and when this is ended there will be 250,000 Chinese with their colours in the debatable province." Who complains of the absence of war news?

THE NEW CRUISERS.

The following interesting note is from the *Kobe Chronicle* of the 31st ult.:—

A telegram from Genoa, dated the 8th ult., says when it became known that the *Nisshin* and *Kasuga* would depart from Genoa that night there was great excitement throughout the town, and crowds of people flocked to the harbour to bid farewell to the ships, of whose strength and speed, says the telegram, they are justly proud. The correspondent continues:—"An especial interest centres in the warships, too, because half of their crews will be Italians, and because the engines are entirely of Genoese construction. Contrary to what has been asserted, the *Nisshin* and *Kasuga* have kept the Japanese colours hoisted from the moment they were turned over to the Japanese authorities. The vessels are commanded by two Englishmen, Captain Boyle and Captain Lee, and the other officers are also English, with the exception of five Japanese. The crews, numbering 300 men to each ship, are equally divided between Italian and English nationality. One hundred and twenty English artillerymen embarked on the vessels last night. The Commanders of the *Nisshin* and *Kasuga* have received sealed orders, which will be open-

ed on the sea. At the last moment the departure of the warships was delayed to await the receipt of money from the Japanese Legation at London, but it is expected the vessels will sail early to-morrow morning. On board each warship the utmost gaiety prevails, and the crews are extremely impatient for sailing orders. The Japanese officers are particularly jubilant."

Peking letters received here lately report that all officials in the capital who can afford to do so are sending their families to the South owing to the receipt of certain news from Japan of imminent hostilities between that country and Russia, and the consequent forced participation in them of China. It is unhesitatingly believed in Peking that the Russians will try to seize the Chinese capital in order to dominate the Imperial Court, while among other hostile movements Russia will attempt the occupation of all Mongolia and China. Turkistan the moment China joins Japan.

The Russian warships and torpedo boats, which passed the Suez Canal a few days ago, are expected to reach Formosa Straits on or about the 15th inst.

Inquiries made with reference to the reported occupation of Newchwang by 7,500 Russian troops show that the troops did not enter the city or the foreign settlement, but took up a position several miles outside. We have very good reason to believe that the troops in question were on the march towards Port Arthur, and were not designed to threaten Newchwang with occupation. They probably included the troops from Tientsin, Chinwangtao, Shanhaikwan and elsewhere, who would be due in the neighbourhood of Newchwang about Tuesday last, the date upon which our informant saw the troops encamp.—P. & T. Times.

THE POSITION AT PORT ARTHUR.

PANIC AND DEPRESSION IN THE AIR.

Writing from Port Arthur on the 26th ult. the correspondent of the *Shanghai Times* says:—

Since the war has seemed to have become inevitable, the Russians here who were formerly constantly boasting of their strength and ability to crush Japan without an effort, and talking of war as if Russia would have a walk over, have all of a sudden become quite different men. More especially the Russian merchants—usually most bellicose—are now busily preparing to leave for home, at breakneck speed. Since about a week ago Russian troops have been arriving from Tientsin and Shanhaikwan. The 9th, 10th and 11th Infantry regiments left Port Arthur on the 23rd some by steamer, others by train. It is believed here that they are destined for Korea.

In the Soldatskaya here, the main road of Port Arthur, there is a large open space. From early in the morning of the 23rd many Russian military officers have been rushing around all very busy inspecting the muster of impressed horses.

The fact soon became known everywhere, the Chinese coolies and general residents began to quake with fear and apparent imminence of trouble, many of them starting to leave Port Arthur at once so that the Russians will soon suffer from a scarcity of Chinese labour.

Several more guns have lately been sent up to the fort on Hwanchin hill. All the shops in the town are holding "cheap sales" so as to get ready cash, to enable their owners to bolt. It is painful to observe the sadly altered air everyone now wears compared to the jaunty hectoring manner of a few months ago. Even the Chinese coolies are whispering that Japan will soon be master in Lui Shun Kow instead of Russia.

COMMERCIAL.

PUNJOMS.

The acting secretary of the Punjom Mining Co. informs us that the result of the January, 1904, crushing at the Punjom mines, as received by wire is as follows:—67 ounces gold from 950 tons ore crushed, estimated value being \$2,500. A subsequent wire received on the 6th instant announced an "important discovery at Manik, likely to prove a valuable ore body." The directors have instructed Mr. Lock, the Raub Australian Gold Mining Co.'s Manager, to report on the value of the concession generally so that they may lay before the general meeting which is expected to be held in March next, as complete a statement as possible of the value of the company's property.

TO-DAY'S INTELLIGENCE.

The withdrawal of all the Japanese steamers, in consequence of the war now considered as practically existing, has helped further to the appreciation of prices for all shipping companies' shares. Douglases are firmer at \$35 and Indo-Chinas have risen another point to \$81. China Sugars have also advanced and can be sold at \$106.50. Hongkong Docks are required for at \$208 after small business being done at this rate.

Messrs. Erich Georg & Co. write in their Weekly Share List, dated Hongkong, 6th February:—A few Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company shares sold at \$209, but the market closes quiet at \$208, and this in spite of the report that the directors will recommend a dividend of \$6 and a bonus of \$1 per share for last half year, write off about \$42,000, and carry forward about \$420,000.

Shanghai advices, dated 3rd inst., report business done:—Indo-Chinas at Tls. 53 cash, Tls. 54/55 for March, and Tls. 56 April. Farnham Boys at Tls. 128 for March, and Tls. 129/30 for April. Maatschappij at Tls. 297/4. China Flour at Tls. 76 C.N.I. Pulp at Tls. 115 for March. Astors at \$164.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.
 London—Bank T.T. 1/10
 Do. demand 1/10 1/16
 Do. 4 months' sight 1/10 5/16
 France—Bank T.T. 2/30
 America—Bank T.T. 44
 Germany—Bank T.T. 1/88
 India T.T. 1/135
 Do. demand 1/136
 Shanghai—Bank T.T. 704
 Japan—Bank T.T. 903
 Singapore—Bank T.T. Nominal
 Java—Bank T.T. 1/104

Buying.

4 months' sight L/C. 1/10 7/16
 6 months' sight L/C. 1/10 9/16
 30 days' sight San Francisco & New York 45 1/2
 4 months' sight do. 45 1/2
 30 days' sight Sydney & Melbourne 1/10 11/16
 4 months' sight France 2/34
 6 months' sight 2/36
 4 months' sight Germany 1/92
 Bar Silver 25 1/16
 Bank of England rate 4 1/2

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.	
To-day's quotations are as follows:—	
	Per chest
Malwa New	900/950
" Last Year	940/980
" Oldest	1,020/1,070
Patna New	1,327 1/2
Bengales New	1,322 1/2
Persian Paper	9 1/2 1/2

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1904.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY (OFF-DAY),
 23rd, 24th, 25th and 27th FEBRUARY.

TICKETS OF ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND AND ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, L.D., or at the Gate. Price \$3 for the Meeting (excluding the Off-Day) or \$3 per day. Tickets for the Off-Day, \$2.
 No one admitted without a Ticket to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [234]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND AND ENCLOSURE during the Races on the 23rd, 24th, 25th and 27th instant.

A Stand and an Enclosure will be reserved for Members and Members' Wives and Families, Tickets for which will be sent out with the Members' Tickets after MONDAY, 15th inst. All Tickets must be produced to gain admission.

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [235]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO SERVANTS will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the RACE-COURSE during the Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS which can be had on application to the Undersigned between MONDAY, 15th, and SATURDAY, 20th instant.

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [236]

Action No. 143 of 1903.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PURSUANT to an Order of the Supreme Court made in this Action and with the Approval of ARATHOON SETH, Esq., Acting Registrar,

THE FOLLOWING VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY, situate at WANCHAI to be Sold by PUBLIC AUCTION,

on SATURDAY, the 13th Day of February, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon, on the Premises, by MESSRS. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

The Property is registered in the Land Office as Section D of Inland Lot No. 429 with the Messuage and Buildings thereon known as No. 7, Albany Street and held from the Crown for the Residue of the Term of 999 years. Annual apportioned Crown Rent \$13.83. For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

EWENS & HARSTON,

Solicitors.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [232]

NOTICE.

THE SECOND ANNUAL SHOW of FANCY and Other FINEONS will be held at the KOWLOON HOTEL on the 17th and 18th FEBRUARY, 1904. This Show was a great Success last year and was visited by His Excellency the late Governor, Sir HENRY BLAKE, Lady BLAKE and other local Personages. Admission to the ground will be free. So also all the Entries sent in. Prizes will be given to the Best Birds of any kind. Entries should be sent AT ONCE to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. DAVID, Kowloon Hotel. All Exhibits will be carefully looked after by experienced Assistants.

Birds intended for Sale should have Prices marked in Plain Figures and will be sold by the Hon. Secretary.

The Entries are open to Chinese.

J. D. LOGAN,

Director.

R. DAVID,

Hon. Secretary.

Kowloon, 8th February, 1904. [228]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,

on WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, the 10th and 11th February, 1904, Commencing Each Day at 2 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, DUDELL STREET, WITHOUT RESERVE,

A VERY FINE COLLECTION OF JAPANESE ART CURIOS AND SILK EMBROIDERIES,

Comprising:—CHOICE SPECIMENS of SILVER CLOISONNE, FINELY PAINTED SATSUMA, OLD BRONZE VASES, CARVED IVORIES, OLD PRINTS by UTAMARU, FINE CUT VELVET PICTURES, &c.

Also VERY RICHLY EMBROIDERED SILK PALACE HANGINGS, DRAPERY, KIMONOS, &c.

TERMS:—As usual. On View from TUESDAY, P.M., the 9th inst.

GEO. F. LAMBERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [216]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI. The Company's Steamship

"HALLOONG."

Captain Gibson, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 9th instant, at 10 A.M.

Shipping.

Arrivals.
Hong Wan 1, Br. s.s., 2,661, Pentney, 6th Feb., Singapore 28th Jan., and Hoihow 5th Feb., Gen.—Joo Tak Seng.
Capri, Ital. s.s., 2,718, Helio, 6th Feb., Bombay 17th Jan., and Singapore 29th Jan., Gen.—L. & Co.
Kansu, Br. s.s., 1,242, Badley, 6th Feb., Manila 31st Jan., Gen.—B. & S.
Hailong, Br. s.s., 733, Gibson, 7th Feb., Swatow 6th Feb., Gen.—D. L. & Co.
Canton, Br. s.s., 1,110, Muir, 7th Feb., Chinkiang 3rd Feb., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
Ernest Simons, Fr. s.s., 2,162, Charbonnel, 7th Feb., Yokohama 29th Jan., Mails and Gen.—M. M.
Haimun, Br. s.s., 636, Passmore, 7th Feb., Tamsui 4th Feb., and Amoy 5th, Gen.—D. L. & Co.
Daigi Maru, Jap. s.s., 846, Groves, 7th Feb., Swatow 6th Feb., Gen.—O. S. K.
Radnorshire, Br. s.s., 1,889, Burch, 7th Feb., Japan and China 2nd Feb., Gen.—S. T. & Co.
Michael Jensen, Ger. s.s., 710, Uldrup, 7th Feb., Haiphong 2nd Feb., and Hoihow 5th, Gen.—J. & Co.
Murex, Br. s.s., 2,379, Holliday, 7th Feb., Palembang 17th Jan., and Swatow 6th Feb., Gen.—A. K. & Co.
M. Strive, Ger. s.s., 956, Brandt, 7th Feb., Haiphong 4th Feb., and Hoihow 6th, Gen.—A. R. M.
Nestor, Br. s.s., 2,386, Lycett, 7th Feb., Shanghai 3rd Feb., Gen.—B. & S.
Hsinchi, Ch. s.s., 1,385, Klopfer, 7th Feb., Shanghai 4th Feb., Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.
Madeleine Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 1,020, Sanders, 8th Feb., Bangkok 31st Jan., Rice.—B. & S.
Alesia, Ger. s.s., 3,364, Schönfeldt, 8th Feb., Shanghai 4th Feb., Gen.—H. A. L.
Andalusia, Ger. s.s., 3,477, Schmidt, 8th Feb., Singapore 31st Jan., Gen.—H. A. L.
Olympia, Am. s.s., 1,730, Dixon, 8th Feb., Tacoma 3rd Jan., and Moji 3rd Feb., Gen.—D. & Co., Ltd.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Sahine Rickmers, for Amoy.
Hsinchi, for Canton.
Hongwan 1, for Amoy.
Tungshing, for Swatow.
Canton, for Canton.
Hania, for Singapore.
Wingchai, for Macao.
Kwangsue, for Ningpo.
Avoca, for Amoy.
Nestor, for Singapore.
Radnorshire, for Singapore.
Departures.
Feb. 6.
Asper, Aust. gunboat, for Canton.
Feb. 7.
Centurion, H.M.S. battleship, for Mrs. Bay.
Haitan, for Swatow.
Daigi Maru, for Takao.
Haitan, for Saigon.
Haitan, for Hoihow.
Maidauru Maru, for Swatow.
Feb. 8.
Albion, H.M.S. battleship, for Mrs. Bay.
Vengeance, H.M.S. battleship, for Mrs. Bay.
Abi Maru, for Seattle.
Hongwan 1, for Amoy.
Kwangsue, for Shanghai.
Benlei, for Hongkong.
Borneo, for Shanghai.
Tungshing, for Swatow.
Hania, for Singapore.

Passengers arrived.

Per Capri, from Singapore—119 Chinese.
Per Hong Wan 1, from Singapore—447 Chinese.
Per Andalusia, from Singapore—475 Chinese.
Per Daigi Maru, from Swatow—Mr. Brast, 28 Chinese and 2 Japanese.
Per Hailong, from Swatow—Messrs. Campkin, Dowler, and 83 Chinese.
Per Kansu, from Manila—Messrs. O. Pedersen, A. Canning, and 19 Chinese.
Per M. Strive, from Haiphong—Mr. Newton, family and 4 children, and 8 Chinese.
Per Hsinchi, from Shanghai—Mrs. C. F. S. Maundrell and child, Messrs. Bidwells, Hamlyn, Heney, Saunders, Le Hang, 27 Chinese and 2 Japanese.

Passengers departed.

Per Rubi, for Manila—Messrs. C. Yau, S. Zuk, S. S. Zai, C. Shint, L. Chant, C. Hee, L. Yee, W. Yee, M. and R. Earnshaw, Misses Emilia Muscat, Carolina Moreno, Camille Earnshaw, Messrs. Manuel Dadvias, J. Musat, J. Moreno, S. Olsen, A. H. Howard, S. Poe, G. Sent, G. Pocco, S. Poo, T. S. Miy, G. Groe, V. C. Tate, C. S. Quinco, C. B. Stump, C. Jap, Gas. Quien, U. Quian, H. H. H. H. Sullivan, Loch Trevor, Mrs. L. Krauskopf, Messrs. W. O. Lockhead, Oscar Sonnenschein, Baxter Sweeney, L. M. Bishop, Mrs. John Sweeney, Messrs. J. P. Bromfield, W. Williams, W. A. Lamont, John A. Brien, Mrs. H. Lynn, Mrs. M. Sawyer, Miss M. L. Ardery, Messrs. Relland Gardener, J. A. McGuffin, Byron Stevens, A. P. Taylor, L. D. Lockwood, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Allen, Mr. John A. Deirn, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Boyd, Messrs. Geo. C. Sellen, C. T. Witt, H. G. Herold, L. Hay, F. Fuke, H. K. Muet, L. Fatu, U. Mok, Y. Saut, L. Shang, L. Kinte, W. Linn, C. Mann, T. Heere, C. Pegley, L. Lumste, Yung Po, Tang Chun, Tang Sang, L. Samy, Li Fuk, L. Sam, Lo Tseung, Wong Kany, Lo Fuk, Liu Hing, Li Kin, Wong Ming, Luen Shing, Ho Kun, L. Leoden, F. Yamato, L. Chews, Chan Yuen, F. Fowce, L. G. Reinburg, Thos. Fl-cher, J. Sinclair, O. F. Fisher, Mrs. C. W. Clark, Messrs. J. Montaner, S. F. Stowel, R. Mather, Mrs. Victor Hug, Master John Stuart Blue, Miss E. R. Dezengram, Mrs. J. Hopkins, Master R. Tompkins, Miss Kun Ham, Miss Tozer, Mr. F. S. Cairn, Misses Martha Boyd and Boyd.

Shipping Reports.

Str. Haikong from Swatow:—Fresh breeze, moderate sea, fine weather.
Str. Nestor from Shanghai:—Moderate monsoon, fine clear weather throughout.
Str. Kansu from Manila:—Strong N.E. monsoon, heavy sea during entire voyage.
Str. Canton from Chinkiang:—Moderate to fresh N. wind, a d fine weather throughout.
Str. Madeleine Rickmers from Bangkok:—Fine weather to Cape Padaran, then strong N.W. monsoon, high sea.

Str. Hong Wan 1 from Singapore:—Strong N.E. monsoon with high Ely sea to Hoihow, thence fresh E.N.E. winds and moderate sea.

Str. Hsinchi from Shanghai:—Left there on 4th inst., experienced fresh Nly winds to Lamocks, thence to arrival moderate winds and fine weather.

Str. Haimun from Tamsui:—There to Amoy fresh N.Ely wind and moderate sea, overcast and hazy, thence to port fresh to moderate N.E. and Ely wind, and moderate to smooth, overcast and hazy, some rain.

Ships Passed The Canal.

Outward—2nd January—*Arctis*, 6th Jan.; *Indramayu*, 13th Jan.; *Silvest*, (Aus.) *Indravadi*, *Fuime*, *Linan*, *Salford*, 16th Jan.; *Eidvold*, *Inah Maru*, *Mencell*, 20th Jan.; *Sambha*, 23rd Jan.; *Agamennon*, *Frivia*, *Glenogun*, 27th Jan.; *Manila*, *Arduary*, *Roon*, *Foasting*, 30th Jan.; *Wakasa Maru*, 31st Feb.; *Menslaue*, *Loos*, *Reichle*, *Brigavita*, 6th Feb.; *Glenuriet*, *Macraon*, *Saxonia*, 6th Feb.; *Nicholas*, *Fiberius*, *Willowdene*, *Franz Ferdinand*.

Homeward—23rd January—*Indrani*, *Pro-methus*, 27th Jan.; *Arangia*, *Arangia*, 30th Jan.; *Glenray*, *Kiautschon*, 3rd Feb.; *Sydney*, 6th Feb.; *Ceylan*.

Arrivals at Home—2nd January—*Freiburg*, *Tantalus*, 6th Jan.; *Sado Maru*, 9th Jan.; *Trizakul*, *Polyphemus*, *Ningchow*, 13th Jan.; *Antenor*, *Kurdistan*, *Armand Diche*, 16th Jan.; *Prinz Heinrich*, 20th Jan.; *Glenstiel*, *Seneca*, *Hyson*, *Suevia*, 23rd Jan.; *Konig Albert*, 27th Jan.; *For-mosa*, 30th Jan.; *Marburg*, *Sabazie*, *Achilles*, 3rd Feb.; *Indramayu*, *Kawachi Maru*, 6th Feb.; *Bingo Maru*.

Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Returns.

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Triton, " "
Borneo, " "
Changsha, " "
Aberdeen, " "

Vessels in Port.

Steamships.
Andree Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 1,820, Köhn, 3rd Feb., Bangkok 26th Jan., Rice and Gen.—B. & S.
Avoca, Br. s.s., 3,401, Fausset, 5th Feb., Rangoon and Singapore 30th Jan., Gen.—L. M. & Co.
Bengloe, Br. s.s., 1,932, Potter, 6th Feb., London 7th Dec., and Singapore 27th Jan., Gen.—G. L. & Co.
Borneo, Ger. s.s., 1,344, Muhle, 27th Jan., Sandakan 21st Jan., Gen. and Timber.—M. & Co.
Changsha, Br. s.s., 1,463, Moore, 6th Feb., Sydney and Manila 13th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.
Charles Hardouin, Fr. s.s., 876, Laurage, 15th Jan., Nantes 15th Nov., and Singapore 3rd Jan., Ballast.—M. M.
Empress of India, Br. s.s., 3,003, Marshall, 19th Jan., Vancouver 28th Dec., and Shanghai 17th Jan., Mails and Gen.—C. P. R. Co.
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Germanica, Ger. s.s., 2,575, Behrmann, 3rd Feb., Kutchinotzu 29th Jan., Coal.—Order.
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Taitai, Br. s.s., 4,425, Evans, 16th Dec., Vancouver 16th Nov., and Shanghai 13th Dec., Gen.—C. P. R. Co.
Tayabas, Am. s.s., 121, Casapovo, 3rd Feb., Amoy 2nd Feb., Ballast.—A. R. M.
Tsintau, Ger. s.s., 1,002, Koch, 1st Feb., Bangkok via Swatow 18th Jan., Rice and Teakwood.—B. & S.
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Steamers Expected.

Vessels	From	Agents	Due
Australien	Saigon	M. M.	Feb. 9
C. Apar	Singapore	D. S. & Co.	Feb. 9
C. Bamber	Singapore	H. A. S.	Feb. 9
Inah Maru	Singapore	N. Y. K.	Feb. 10
Tacoma	Singapore	N. Y. K.	Feb. 11
Cantio	Shanghai	D. & O. Co.	Feb. 12
Indrapura	Japan	J. & A. Co.	Feb. 12
Biharat	Singapore	P. & O. Co.	Feb. 13
Emp. of Japan	Vancouver	C. P. R. Co.	Feb. 13
Namsang	Calcutta	J. M. & Co.	Feb. 16
Roon	Colombo	M. & Co.	Feb. 18
Korea	San Francisco	P. M. Co.	Mar. 1

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, First Assistant of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 8th at 11.45 a.m. The barometer has fallen generally, except over S. China.

A depression appears to be moving Eastwards over the Sea of Japan, and pressure is also low over the Pacific between Luzon and the Loochoos.

A high pressure area lies over central China. Gradients are rather steep with very strong monsoon in the Formosa Channel and China Sea.

Forecast:—fresh N. winds; fine.

Barometer 30.15 30.05
 Temperature 65 67
 Humidity 72 64
 Rainfall

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February 8th, 1904, a.m.

Bar. Ther. Hu. Wind W.

Vladivostok 7 a.m. 29.76 22 97 — 0 0

Amuro 6 a.m. 30.12 — SE 4 1

Hakodate 10 a.m. 29.89 — SE 4 1

Tokio 10 a.m. 30.02 — SE 4 1

Kobe 10 a.m. 29.91 — NE 2 1

Nagasaki 10 a.m. 30.07 — NE 4 1

Kagoshima 10 a.m. 30.03 — NE 2 1

Oshima 10 a.m. 30.00 — SE 2 1

Naha 10 a.m. 30.01 — N 2 1

Ishikajima 10 a.m. 29.97 — N 2 1

Taihu 10 a.m. 30.11 — — 0 0

Taichu 10 a.m. 29.99 — N 2 1

Tainan 10 a.m. 29.93 — N 6 1

Koshun 10 a.m. 29.97 — NE 4 1

Pescadore 10 a.m. 30.04 — NE 10 1

Weihaiwei 9 a.m. 30.17 35 — W 3 1

Gutzlaff 10 a.m. 30.26 45 76 NW 1 cm

Amoy 6.30 a.m. 30.15 54 86 NW 2 0

Swatow 9 a.m. — — — — —

Canton 10 a.m. 30.21 62 43 N 1 b

Hongkong 10 a.m. 30.19 56 — N 2 c

Macao 10 a.m. 30.19 56 — N 2 c

Haiphong 10 a.m. 29.88 82 76 WSW 2 c

Manila 10 a.m. 29.85 — NNE 3 b

Bicolod 10 a.m. 29.85 — NNE 2 c

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